

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-22.
- After this Amendment: Claims 18-22.

Claims canceled or withdrawn: Claims 1-17.

Amended claims: None.

New claims: None.

Claims:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

establishing an instant messaging session between a first client computer and a second client computer via a switchboard server;
automatically establishing a peer-to-peer connection;
transmitting first data associated with the instant messaging session via the switchboard server; and
transmitting second data associated with the instant messaging session via the peer-to-peer connection.

19. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 18, the method further comprising:

determining an active network device configuration associated with the first client computer and the second client computer; and

selecting a peer-to-peer bridge corresponding to the active network configuration.

20. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 18 wherein the peer-to-peer bridge comprises an RUDP bridge.

21. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 19 wherein the peer-to-peer bridge comprises a TCP/IP bridge.

22. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 18 further comprising:

transmitting a first portion of a blob of the first data via the switchboard server; and

transmitting a subsequent portion of the blob of the first data via the peer-to-peer connection.